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(c) if it is profitable, whether the Government intend extending the same to other districts; if so, when and in what districts; and

(d) whether the Government have taken the advice of experts as to which documents, whether the manuscript copies or the photo copies, stand better the test of time?

A.—(a) The system of photo-copying of documents by the cine-camera method has been introduced in the Madras-Chingleput district and in the District Registrars' offices of East Godavari, Guntur, Salem and Coimbatore. The photo-stat method has been introduced in the South Malabar registration district.

(b) A statement [a] showing the savings effected under the cine-camera method is appended. The photo-stat system was introduced in South Malabar from 1st April 1934. The full staff to be disbanded has not been sent away. A report received from the Inspector-General says that during 1936–37 there is likely to be a saving of Rs. 7,208.

(c) There is no such proposal now under consideration. The scheme is yet in an experimental stage.

(d) The new system was introduced on the experience gained in Bombay. The photo copy is a permanent record not liable to fade with the lapse of time according to the quality of the ink used.

Land Revenue Administration

Functions of the Special Officer appointed to the Board of Revenue.

* 530 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why a special officer has been appointed to serve under the Revenue Board; and

(b) what his functions are?

A.—No special officer has been appointed to serve under the Board of Revenue.

Proposals of the Collector of Madras-Chingleput to assign on patta lands in the Valliyur village.

* 531 Q.—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collector of Chingleput has recently called for proposals for issue of patta to blocks of lands submerged under water (Nos. 230, 231 and 232), though the people of the Valliyur village had objected to the issue of patta and the Collector of the district had upheld their objection in 1934; and

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 1087 infra.